

Principal Linc December 18, 2009

The School Council met with Safety Officer Grioux to discuss traffic and parking in the Lincoln School area. Our requests for his assistance included:

1. Larger speed limit signs to slow traffic coming down Main St. from the Medford end
2. Clarification of Safe Walking Routes – Children are not supposed to use the unsupervised crosswalks at the tip of our playground and across from the Unitarian Church but their very existence causes confusion.
3. Pedestrian safety programs for our students and a public awareness campaign for Winchester citizens
4. Improved snow plowing, snow removal and sanding
5. Enforcement of traffic and parking violations. FYI: Parking too close to an intersection, (think bottom of Winthrop St.) parking in an area with diagonal lines, (think area right near crossing guard) stopping in traffic to pick up children or double parking to pick up children all decrease visibility, putting pedestrians and the crossing guard at risk. Although the signs are faded, parking is not allowed on the first few hundred feet along the north side of Winthrop. Officer Grioux has already been outside at arrival and dismissal several times and has begun to address some of these concerns.

Based on conversations with a variety of Lincoln parents, there seems to be an interest in organizing supervised walking groups, expanding the morning valet service to the afternoon for younger students and establishing satellite parking spots to help disperse the crowd at dismissal. These ideas are just in the brainstorming phase, but hopefully we can pilot some of these ideas soon. We could solve our parking woes, be healthier, and decrease our carbon footprint at the same time!

From the Art Room... Miss Costello will recycle your 2009 calendar, especially if it is Art/Architecture/Culture based. The students use the images on the calendars as visual resources. Wrapping paper, paper towels and toilet paper tubes are also wanted for the "Recycle Art Buffet." Ask your child about the fun and exciting, recycle/resource area in the art room. The young artists can never get enough of those "tubes" for building, inventing and sculpting. There will be a box in the lobby for these items. Thank you!!! The Lincoln Art Room website is almost complete. Hopefully, a formal launching will take place in January... stay tuned.

[Congratulations to Michelle and Jerome Garciano on the birth of their son, Louis Manuel.](#)

Calendar Notes

Dec. 23 is a full day. There is no school on Dec. 24. We return from vacation on Jan.4.

January 18 - No school in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 27 - Early Release Day.

*Attached is a notice for fourth and fifth grade parents re: an elementary music band.

***The Board of Health is now scheduling the follow up school based H1N1 booster clinics for students age 10 and under who received their first H1N1 vaccine in school. It looks like ours will be Tuesday, January 19, the day we return from the MLK weekend. There will be another confirmation and a hard copy reminder sent home in January if this applies to your child.**

[Best wishes for a healthy and restful vacation with family and friends. See you in 2010!](#)